

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

By JACK KEENE

The Davis cup committee is to be complimented on the rare judgment it has shown in naming at this early date the fifteen players from among whom the team to represent America in this year's matches will be chosen.

Criticism has been launched at the members of the committee for making public the selections at this time and "not only blasting the hopes of many good tennis players but tending to take away the incentive the ones chosen should have for early season work."

That's the bunk. The committee makes it clear that the absence of a player's name does not dash his hopes on the rocks. Any player whose work during the early mid-summer matches draws attention will be given due consideration before the team is chosen. And the committee most certainly will not bite off its nose to spite its face if it finds one or two of the men now considered probabilities have lost their form. The move was a practical one. The men selected are of high enough mental caliber to appreciate and not abuse the honor. Their selection will give them needed time to arrange their tourney play and business af-

airs so that they will be available and prepared for the matches when the time comes.

Every now and then we read about some fighter's manager "laying down the law." "Joe Goofus will have to fight my boy first or he won't fight anybody," pipes up the doughty managerial parasite.

If managers could only realize what a minor part they play in the fight game they would profit by the realization. The boxing game produced much more real, honest-to-goodness fighting and more he-men before managing became such a fine art. And the few managers of those days did not collect 25 or 50 per cent of their man's purse. Neither did he wear a hat for four years without sweating out the band. He labored between battles.

Johnny Dundee's ambition increases with his age. Having acquired the featherweight and junior lightweight titles after 12 or 15 years of scrapping, Dundee is still hopeful of landing another title—the lightweight one, now held by Benjamin Actor Leonard. And what is more, Dundee plans to

do battle in all three divisions named this coming summer. A match with Benny Leonard is already in the making and John is trying to drum up matches in the junior lightweight and featherweight classes.

It must be said that Jonathan loves to battle.

The selection of Watson Washburn as a member of America's Olympic tennis team is surprising in one way—in that he is not listed in the ranking ten U. S. players. He was placed fifteenth after the 1923 campaign!

The choice is a logical one, however, when Washburn's experience in international play is considered. His worth as a doubles player is also beyond need of discussion.

Washburn and Williams were the two men who turned back the Jap invasion in the Davis cup matches in 1921, defeating Kumagae and Shimizu in the doubles event.

When it comes to picking prospective opponents for Jack Dempsey, why not consider the woman who says she knocked Fred Fulton for a row of empty tar barrels in a friendly argument? Fred was unconscious for several minutes, the woman says, in suing him for damages for alleged assault and battery on her.

Comes out of New York the wild story that Jack Dempsey has positively and absolutely fought his last fight. The reasons given for his quiet but final retirement are his increasing weight, his wealth, and his plans for becoming a staid old married man.

The unnamed "friend" who issues the statement says that Dempsey feels that there is no man in the game who can give him a good fight, barring Luis Firpo—who beat Jack to it as a retiree—the other day by saying he had hung up his gloves. Lacking worthy opponents since his last meeting with Firpo, Dempsey has not kept in fighting trim and would find the task of returning to ring form a hard one, the announcer says.

As to the champion's personal plans, it is said that he plans to become a benedict in June and has promised the prospective Mrs. that he will not enter the naughty prize ring after signing the life contract.

Now all this sounds real fine. It may be that the game is to lose Dempsey at the height of his career. But if he has decided to or is contemplating retiring my guess is that his move is prompted by his condition since his recent operation.

His managers and friends at first tried to make light of the operation when they couldn't keep it a secret. It finally came out that the operation was of a serious nature and one that might possibly handicap him in future efforts to build up for a championship battle.

Dempsey is not of the sentimental or temperamental type. He is a fighter by nature—thrives on fighting. If he plans to pass up his future in the ring and the fortune that still awaits him in the game he is prompted by conditions of more definite nature than possibilities of finding no one to fight him or the possible preferences of a future Mrs. Dempsey.

New York fans have been told that young Harvey Hendrick, former Vanderbilt university star who is now listed as an outfielder with the Yankees, may star in the role of pinch hitter for the champs this year.

The announcement brings to mind the work of "Moose" McCormick several years ago. McCormick couldn't break into the lineup as a regular but he could break up ball games with surprising regularity when sent in to do so.

Hendrick, who hails from Covington, Ky., takes a wicked slam at the ball and puts an extra base ticket on most of his drives.

With the Yanks and Tigers looming as their most formidable rivals for the bunting this year, one would imagine that Tris Speaker, Indian boss, would center his efforts on checking these clubs. But Spoke is giving much of his time to plans for shooting away the jinx that the Washington team carried around with it last season and may possess this season.

The Indians would get going good last season just before they were to tackle the capital city outfit. Then Griffith's boys would bump them. The teams staged 21 battles and the Griffmen won 11 of them.

Jimmy Welsh, Seattle first baseman, is right now the most talked-of player on the coast. Four or five big league teams are already on his trail. Elmer Bowman, obtained from New Haven, was slated to play first for the Coast league outfit, but Welsh just naturally took the job away from him. Figure on seeing Welsh in the big show by next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Standish and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hudson and daughter Irma, of Cypress street, visited friends in Pomona Sunday, and in the evening attended the Orpheum in Los Angeles.

LOMITA NOTES

Mrs. E. A. Wardwell of Cypress street is spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Newby, of Los Angeles.

"Grandpa" Witley fell and broke his collar bone and hip. Mr. Witley is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harold Wilkins, of 256th street.

Mrs. Emma Forsythe of Narbonne avenue and Miller street was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Vignes of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Crittenden spent Easter Sunday at Long Beach.

Miss Marion Crittenden was a weekend guest of Miss Louise Brusey of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Irving White of Tracy, Minn., and Mrs. L. J. Hunter were recent overnight guests of Dr. and Mrs. McClellan of Ontario.

AN EXPERT

A young city woman went out to teach a country school. The class in arithmetic was before her. She said: "Now, children, if there are ten sheep on one side of a wall and one jumps over, how many sheep will be left?"

Then up piped a little tow-headed daughter of a farmer:

"No sheep, teacher; no sheep." "Oh! oh!" cried the young city woman, reproachfully. "You are not so stupid as that! Think again. If there were ten sheep on one side of the wall and one sheep jumped over, nine sheep would be left. Don't you see that?"

"No! no! no!" persisted the child. "If one sheep jumped over, all the others would jump after. My father keeps sheep."

Then, seeing the puzzled look on the teacher's face, the little tow-head explained, apologetically: "You know arithmetic, but I know sheep."

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